

Amendment No. 1 to SB2474

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2474

House Bill No. 1805*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 76, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing" means the procedure through which the privilege to engage in a specific profession regulated under this title is granted by a licensing authority;

(2) "Licensing authority" means any state agency with the authority to impose training, education, or licensure fees to practice in a profession;

(3) "Licensure fee" means a fee imposed by a licensing authority on persons licensed to practice a profession for the privilege of providing goods or services;

(4) "Low-income persons" means persons who are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, including, but not limited to, temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), medicaid, or supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP); or whose household adjusted gross income is below one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the federal poverty line, or a higher threshold to be set by the department of commerce and insurance; and

(5) "State agency" means a state board, agency, or commission attached to the division of regulatory boards, as listed in § 4-3-1304(a).

(b)

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(1) Any licensing authority that requires a license for persons to practice in a profession shall waive all initial licensure fees for low-income persons.

(2)

(A) Persons seeking a waiver of initial licensure fee requirements shall apply to the appropriate licensing authority in a format prescribed by the authority.

(B) The licensing authority shall process the application within thirty (30) days of its receipt from the applicant.

(3) All licensing authorities to which this section applies shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing" means the procedure through which the privilege to engage in a specific profession regulated under this title is granted by a licensing authority;

(2) "Licensing authority" means any state agency with the authority to impose training, education, or licensure fees to practice in a profession;

(3) "Licensure fee" means a fee imposed by a licensing authority on persons licensed to practice a profession for the privilege of providing goods or services;

(4) "Low-income persons" means persons who are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, including, but not limited to, temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), medicaid, or supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP); or whose household adjusted gross income is below one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the federal poverty line, or a higher threshold to be set by the department of commerce and insurance; and

(5) "State agency" means a state board, agency, or commission attached to the division of health related boards, as listed in § 68-1-101(a)(8).

(b)

(1) Any licensing authority that requires a license for persons to practice in a profession shall waive all initial licensure fees for low-income persons.

(2)

(A) Persons seeking a waiver of initial licensure fee requirements shall apply to the appropriate licensing authority in a format prescribed by the authority.

(B) The licensing authority shall process the application within thirty (30) days of its receipt from the applicant.

(3) All licensing authorities to which this section applies shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.